



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Elazar Rabbani et al.

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For: DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF SPECIFIC
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION
(AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED)

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**(DIRECTED TO AUGUST 15, 2003 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(VOLUNTARY REVISED PRACTICE))**

Dear Sirs:

This Communication is directed to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) mailed on August 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.¹ A response to the August 15, 2003 Notice was originally due on September 15, 2003. This Communication is accompanied by a Request For Extension Of Time (One Month) and authorization for the small entity fee therefor. Accordingly, the new deadline for responding to the August 15, 2003 Notice is October 15, 2003, and this Communication is being timely filed.

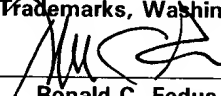
¹ A copy of the August 15, 2003 Notice is attached to this Communication as Exhibit A.

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